

CLAIMS

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1. A method for manufacturing a guidewire having a substantially cylindrical mandrel, said mandrel having one or more segments each having a diameter not exceeding a maximal diameter, the method comprising:
- 5 providing a wire of a diameter greater than the maximal diameter; and  
reducing the diameter of the wire to less than the preselected diameter.
2. The method of Claim 1, wherein step of reducing comprises center-less grinding.
3. The method of Claim 1, further comprising the step of coating at  
0 least a portion of the mandrel with a hydrophilic coating.
4. The method of Claim 1, further comprising the step of affixing a coil to the mandrel.
5. The method of Claim 4, wherein the coil is radiopaque.
6. The method of Claim 1, wherein the step of providing comprises  
5 unwinding the wire from a spool.
7. The method of Claim 6, further comprising the step of straightening the unwound wire.
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